

Indicator RECOMMENDED	Current Use of Marijuana by Persons Aged 12 and Older
Justification	The use of marijuana can produce adverse physical, mental, emotional, and behavioral changes, and can be addictive. Adverse health effects include respiratory illnesses, memory impairment, and weakening of the immune system.
Definition	Percent of persons aged 12 and older reporting any use of marijuana within the past 30 days
Data Source	National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Frequency	Annual
Geographic Levels	National and State
Demographic Categories	Age
Strengths	NSDUH is the only national source that currently provides prevalence of use estimates for both adolescents and adults for every state.
Limitations	<p>This measure does not capture the frequency or amount of marijuana use.</p> <p>State-level estimates for most states are based on relatively small samples. Although augmented by model-based estimation procedures, estimates for specific age groups have relatively low precision (i.e., large confidence intervals). The estimates are provided directly by SAMHSA and raw data that could be used for alternative calculations (e.g., different age categories and/or other demographic subgroups) are not available. The estimates are subject to bias due to self-report and non-response (refusal/no answer).</p>